

Mission Accomplished: Envisioning Success

**Clerk of the Year
Award Nominee
Region 6 Nominee**



Hon. Terri Ross

County: Upshur
Position: County Clerk
Years in Office: 9 ½ years

List of Personal Information and Civic Service:

Scholarship Committee
Treasurer

2 years
3 ½ years

List of other "Association" Notable Services:

Mentorship

1 year

List of Personal Information and Civic Service:

Upshur County ESD #1 and ESD #2
Gilmer Chamber Art Walk
Awarded Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce Top Hand Award

5 years
4 years
2022

I began my career working with local government officials as a legal secretary in 1983. I continued to work in that profession until offered a position with the Upshur County Criminal District Attorney in 1991. I worked in the District Attorney's office until I was asked by the newly elected district judge to serve as her court coordinator in 1995. I worked as court coordinator for the 115th Judicial District Court for eight years. I took a brief time away from the county to take on the challenge of self-proprietorship. I operated my own business for nine years until I was approached by a member of the community to purchase the business. This brought me back to the opportunity to be involved once again in county government when I was asked to run for the office of Upshur County Clerk.

I hit the ground running in 2015 when I took office as Upshur County Clerk. I started with a list of goals and I am very pleased to say that since taking office I have improved and modernized the operation and services of the Upshur County Clerk's office. I have digitized and have put online our property records dating back to 1846. I built a climate-controlled records storage building. I purchased new Commissioner Court software which allows online search of minutes and agendas. I took on the challenge and was successful with the Commissioners Court to establish an elections office independent of the County Clerk's office. I have indexed and scanned guardianship and probate records dating back to 1908. I say all of this to show that I strive to do my best at whatever opportunity I am blessed to encounter. With any challenge, I have been able to seek the advice of my fellow clerks for guidance and support. I have learned through this association that we are never alone as we travel this bumpy road. I appreciate this association and all of the hardworking clerks that have paved the way for us and provide us with the knowledge and motivation to serve others the best we can.